

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method for tracking charitable donations, said method comprising the steps of:

storing in memory data indicative of one or more non-cash donatable items and a tax-deductible valuation associated with each said non-cash donatable item for a current tax year and at least one previous tax year;

prompting a user to select one or more of said non-cash donatable items that has been charitably donated in one of said tax years and to indicate the tax year in which the selected non-cash donatable item was donated;

retrieving the tax-deductible valuation associated with said selected non-cash donatable item for the indicated tax year from memory; and

storing said selected non-cash donatable item, indicated tax year and retrieved tax-deductible valuation in said memory in association with each other,

totaling tax-deductible valuations associated with all non-cash donatable items for the tax year in categories based upon non-cash item, monetary, mileage, financial securities and out-of-pocket donations; and

exporting the category totals electronically into an income tax return for said tax year.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A computer-implemented method for tracking charitable donations, said method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

storing in memory data indicative of one or more non-cash donatable items and a tax-deductible valuation associated with each said non-cash donatable item for a current tax year and at least one previous tax year;

prompting a user to select one or more of said non-cash donatable items that has been charitably donated in one of said tax years and to indicate the tax year in which the selected non-cash donatable item was donated;
retrieving the tax-deductible valuation associated with said selected non-cash donatable item for the indicated tax year from memory;
receiving sales data periodically from one or more partner servers, wherein said partner servers are programmed to electronically collect sales data of items sold; and
calculating ~~[[a]]~~ the tax-deductible valuation in accordance with tax authority guidelines for each of said non-cash donatable items based on said sales data; and
storing said selected non-cash donatable item, indicated tax year and retrieved tax-deductible valuation in said memory in association with each other.

4. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 3, wherein said sales data is received via a communications network.
5. (Canceled)
6. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 1~~[[5]]~~, further comprising the steps of:
calculating whether the total amount of non-cash item charitable donations is sufficient to require filling out IRS Non-cash Charitable Contributions form; and
notifying the user if IRS Non-cash Charitable Contributions form is required.
7. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, further comprising the step of updating said memory with a current set of data indicative of said

one or more non-cash donatable items and a current tax-deductible valuation associated with said donations.

8. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, further comprising the step of presenting the user with informative data based upon said non-cash donatable items selected by the user.
9. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 8, wherein said informative data includes marketing information and tax tips.
10. (Currently Amended) A system for determining a tax-deductible valuation of charitable non-cash donatable items, said system comprising:

memory for storing data indicative of said non-cash donatable items and said tax-deductible valuation associated with each said non-cash donatable item for a current tax year and at least one previous tax year;

one or more partner servers having at least one data source where used items are sold, wherein said partner servers are adapted to electronically capture sales data of items sold at said at least one data source;

a sales history database for storing the sales data of used items; and

a system server adapted to:

periodically receive the captured sales data from the partner servers,

~~determine~~ calculate ~~[[a]] said tax-deductible valuation of the used items in accordance with tax authority guidelines for each of said non-cash donatable items based on said sales data based on the aggregate sales data of the used items,~~

receive a user selection of a used non-cash donatable item that has been charitably donated and a year in which the item was donated,

retrieve [[a]] said tax-deductible valuation associated with the selected non-cash donated item for the indicated tax year,
store said selected non-cash donatable item, indicated tax year and retrieved tax-deductible valuation in said memory in association with each other;
and
provide [[the]] said tax-deductible valuation to the user.

11. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 10, wherein said sales data ~~for each item~~ includes an item description, date of sale and amount of sale.
12. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein said data sources are Internet auction web sites.
13. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein said data sources are retail shops that sell used goods.
14. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein said sales data is electronically captured during sales transactions.
15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 10, wherein said system server is accessible by users via a communications network and further programmed to provide a search engine that allows [[a]] said user to search said database to locate said sales data corresponding to [[an]] said item that has been charitably donated.
16. (Cancelled)
17. (Cancelled)
18. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein said system server is further programmed to create an export file containing information pertaining to charitable donations for importing into an electronic tax preparation application.

19. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for tracking charitable donations, said method comprising the steps of:

storing in a memory data indicative of one or more non-cash items and a tax-deductible valuation associated with each said item;
prompting a user to select any items that have been charitably donated;
prompting [[a]] said user to input any other non-cash item donations that have been charitably donated in addition to the selected items;
retrieving the tax-deductible valuation associated with each said selected item and non-cash item donation from said memory;
calculating the total tax-deductible valuation associated with all selected items and other non-cash item donations;
determining whether said tax-deductible valuation is sufficient to require filling out IRS Non-cash Charitable Contributions form; and
informing the user if IRS Non-cash Charitable Contributions form is required,
receiving periodically an aggregation of sales data from one or more partner servers,
wherein said partner servers having at least one data source where items are
sold;
calculating a current tax-deductible valuation for said items; and
updating said memory with said current tax-deductible valuation for said items.

20. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 19, further including the step of importing non-cash item charitable donation information into IRS Non-cash Charitable Contributions form if required.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim [[21]] 19, wherein said sales data includes an item description, date of sale and sale amount for each item.

23. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 19, further including the steps of:

creating an export file comprising tax information pertaining to non-cash item charitable donations, wherein said export file is formatted in accordance with the requirements of a tax preparation application; and
exporting said file to said tax preparation application.

24. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 19, further including the steps of updating said memory with data indicative of said one or more items and a current tax-deductible valuation associated with each said item;

replacing said tax-deductible valuation associated with each said selected item with said current tax-deductible valuation; and
storing said current tax-deductible valuation and said selected item in said memory in association with each other.

25. – 49. (Canceled)